[English]

Cyclone in Mizoram

3912. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether assessment has been made on the damage caused to property and crops by cyclonic storm in Mizoram during April, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the Government of Mizoram has sought additional assistance from the Union Government therefor; and

(d) if so, the decision of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) (a) & (b) Government of Mizoram has reported damage to property and crops due to the cyclonic storm in April, 1991 as per details given in the attached statement.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Under the present scheme of financing relief expenditure in operation from 1.4.1991, a Calamity Relief Fund has been constituted for each State with an allocated amount, 75% of which is contributed by Central Government and 25% by State Government. The State Government is required to meet all expenditure on relief operation in the wake of natural calamities, utilising the Calamity Relief Fund. The request of the State Government for additional central assistance has not been acceded to.

STATEMENT

Extent of Damage to Crops and Property due to Heavy Rains / Cyclonic Storm in April, 1991 in Mizoram

	Items	*Extent of Damage*
1.	Loss of human lives	6
2.	Cropped area affected	2800 hectares
3.	Value of damaged crops	Rs. 1.20 crores
4.	Number of houses damaged	12,928
5.	Number of PWD installations damaged	
	(a) Buildings	699
	(b) Road	300 KM
	(c) Bridges	85
	(d) Culverts	79
	(e) Retaining walls	164
6.	Cost of Electricity installations damaged	Rs. 505 lakhs
7.	Water Supply Scheme damaged	188
8.	Medical installations damaged	
	(a) Major hospitals	6
	(b) Community health centres	2
	(c) Primary health centres/medical centres	137
9.	Food and Civil Supplies Department Godowns damged	42
10.	Buildings, barracks, etc., of Police Department damaged	298

In addition some installations of other State Government Departments also suffered damaged of varying degrees.

Stock of Foodgrains

3913. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated stock of foodgrains in the country as on April 1, 1991, grain-wise;

(b) the actual import and export during 1990-91, grain-wise;

(c) the estimated consumption during

1990-91, grain-wise; and

(d) the estimated per-capita consumption, on the basis of estimated mid-year population during 1990-91, grain-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICUTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) the estimated stock position of rice, wheat and coarse grains with public agencies on 1st April, 1991 is as follows:

(Qty. in lakh tonnes)

Rice	112.39
Wheat	58.05
Coarse grains	2.27

(b) The Import and export of grains during 1990-91 are:

(in lakh tonnes)

Commodity	Import(P)	Export
Wheat	0.66	2.01
Rice	0.66	5.56
Other Cereals	0.16	0.57
Pulses	7.92	—

P: Provisional.

(c) and (d) The data on consumption for 1990-91 are not available. Net availability can, however, be indicative of likely consumption of foodgrains although it is not strictly representative of the actual level of consumption especially as it does not take into account any change in stock in possession of traders, producers, and consumers. The latest data on net availability available for the year 1990 are as follows:

Commodity	Net availability (in lakh tonnes)	Per capita Net availability (Kgs./Year)
Rice	669.9(P)	81.0(P)
Wheat	390.7(P)	47.2(P)
Other Cereals	261.9(P)	31.7(P)
Pulses	110.4(P)	13.4(P)

P : Provisional.

Commemorative Postal Stamps on Late Shri C. Kesavam

3914. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to issue a commemorative postal stamp on former Chief Minister of Travancore-Cochin Late Shri C. Kesavam; and

(b) if so, the details thereof;

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Provision of S.T.D. and Public Call Offices in Kerala

3915. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of STD booths and Public Call Offices proposed to be opened in Kerala during 1991-92;

(b) the number of applications pending for allotment of STD booths and Public Call Offices in Kerala;

(c) the number of Post Offices in Kerala where such facilities are proposed to be provided during 1991-92; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 300 STD Booths and 300 Local Public Telephones (Public Call Offices) are proposed to be opened in Kerala Circle during 1991-92.

(b) The number of applications pending for allotment of STD booths is 1250 and for Local PTs (Public Call Offices) 505.

(c) and (d) 7 Local PTs in Post Offices have already been provided during the period 1.4.91 to 31.7.91 and there is no further proposal in this regard during the remaining part of the year.

Development of Fisheries in Kerala

3916. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government of Kerala has submitted to the Union Government schemes for the development of fisheries and welfare of the fishermen of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;